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ELIGIBILITY

- An out lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender person of color who is a graduating high school senior or currently attending any technical, undergraduate or graduate school located in the United States
- Accepted or registered at a post-secondary educational institution for full or part-time attendance as defined by the institution.
- Cumulative high school/college/or technical school grade point average of 3.0 or higher
- Lesbians, gay men, bisexual and transgender persons 40 years and older are **also** strongly encouraged to apply

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REQUIREMENTS

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- Acceptance letter if you are an entering freshman or transfer student.
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- Three letters of recommendations~ one must be from a teacher/ professor, who can attest to your academic capabilities, one must be from a supervisor/ mentor, and one from an activist/organizer in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community familiar with your involvement with LGBT organizations or activities.

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AWARDS

Scholarship Amount ----- \$1000- 3,000.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

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All application materials must be postmarked by April 30, 2008 and mailed to:

ZAMI

P.O. Box 2502,

Decatur, Georgia 30031

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A scholarship committee reviews applications.

Finalists may be invited to participate in a face-to-face or telephone interview.

Early applications are encouraged. Recipients may re apply a total of two times to the scholarship fund.

Awardees will be notified on or before July 30, 2008.

NOTE: Award recipients are required to attend the Audre Lorde Scholarship Awards Ceremony scheduled for September 26-28, 2008 in Atlanta, Georgia.

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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Institution you plan to attend in the upcoming year:

Circle One: Undergraduate Graduate

Student Classification:

Enrollment Status Full-time _____ Part-time _____

Address of Registrar's/ Financial Aid Office:

Registrar's Telephone Number: _____

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Current GPA _____ Expected Year of Graduation: _____

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List Academic Honors/Awards or Extracurricular Accomplishments:

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Please write a one or more page essay for each of the following questions. You must answer three of the five questions. Please do not combine questions and answers.

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